

Accountability & ETPL Task Subcommittee Meeting – September 30, 2015

Attendees on phone: Erin Monroe (Snohomish WDC), Amy Gimlin (SW WDC), Tom O'Brien (Eastern Washington Partnership WDC)

Attendees in person: Chelsea Orvella (Co-Chair, Labor), Dave Pavelchek (Workforce Board), Tina Bloomer (SBCTC), Jeff Zahir (Workforce Board), Jennifer Peppin (ESD), Cindy Wilson (SBCTC)

General Updates

Federal Guidance: Three TEGs have been released; many details remain unclear which allows for some flexibility at the state level. Full guidance is scheduled to be released in the spring. National committees are forming to guide implementation.

State Plan: There are 38 required components. Washington's plan will be structured in four chapters: Integrated Service Delivery, Improved Access, Business Engagement and Performance Accountability. Agency staff is currently drafting the plan; the first iteration scheduled for internal review by October 19th. The subject areas incorporating work from the Accountability Subcommittee are Youth Standards and "Next Generation" Performance Accountability. The Governor will submit a final plan in March 2016.

Subcommittee Member Organizations: WDCs expressed the challenges of meeting WIOA implementation target dates and emphasized that maintaining system integrity is the top priority. WDCs also reported on the community forums held throughout the state, collaboration between WDCs and partner agencies/programs (DVR/ABE), continued conversations between WDC Directors about integrated services delivery, and the likelihood that performance targets will be set by region. ESD is balancing the demands of current WIA reporting and developing and anticipating WIOA performance measures and target requirements. SBCTC would like to be a source of support for the national committees being formed and anticipates more staff involvement in the draft state plan when the first internal version is released.

Review the status of the four task forces

Task Force #1: "Reframing Current Performance Measures"

- The Reframing TF was merged with the former "Task Force #4: Co-enrollment." The Co-Enrollment TF accomplished what it could prior to more in-depth planning for integrated service delivery.
- The initial work of the Reframing TF and the Subcommittee to establish a state interest in measuring performance by demographic of client served will be incorporated in the draft state plan.
- Next Steps: Establishing a multi-month plan to implement the proposed new performance measures. Possibly weighing in on policy decisions around credential and skill gain measures and employer satisfaction.

Task Force #2: “ETPL Standards”

- The target date for revised standards is January but that deadline might be unattainable.
- There is more flexibility than assumed for sub-sets of providers (e.g., summer internships, pre-apprenticeship programs and on-the-job training). The definition of “criteria” in the law also varies and does not always entail numerical scoring.
- It was reported that the Workforce Board works to establish a balance in eligible training providers. The work of this Subcommittee could help establish what that balance should look like.
- It was also reported that under WIOA the Governor can designate a lead ETPL agency.
- The current ETPL system in Washington is viable but not without some concerns from the colleges.
- Next Steps: Task force members meet and will prioritize occupation skill provider standards.

Task Force #3: “Youth Provider Evaluation System”

- The requirements for establishing youth provider review are narrower than originally assumed in WIOA. Federal requirements focus on compliance and procurement policy.
- Next Steps: The task force met and agreed that ESD would work on an initial draft to comply with WIOA. A version of this will be reviewed by the task force and incorporated in the state plan.

Open discussion:

- None

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn: Approximately 11:25